REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	20 June 2003
Name of applicant/court:	The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Vixen Direct Ltd
Title of Publication:	The Longest Night
Other Known Title(s):	Private Gold
Director(s):	O
Producer(s):	Peter Backman (said to be)
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	DVD
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language(s):	French, English

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu:	Scene Selection Languages Subtitles Extras Play Movie		
Feature:	The Longest Night	Running Time:	95.31
Other Timed Components:	Fraserside Holdings / Restriction / Records / Güfa Copyright Warning / Private Website Notices	Running Time:	4.45
	The Longest Night		1.59
	The Best Russians		1.39
	Matador Nr. 5		1.23
	Start Your Engines		1.16
	Bitches		1.23
	Triple X Files Nr. 2		1.43
Other Components:	The Cast Photobook Film Notes		
		Total Running Time:	109.39

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Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given:

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD entitled *The Longest Night* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The DVD contains a feature and a number of additional components. A version of the feature has previously been examined as a video recording, however the version on this DVD contains footage which was not present on the video recording. This footage includes an intensely degrading trailer, which in this context causes the publication to degrade the females depicted and women in general in such a manner and to such an extent and degree as to render the publication objectionable under s3(3) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993.

The distributors of the DVD were offered an excision to remove this trailer so that the remaining material could be classified as restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. The distributors declined to make the excision to this DVD version and the publication is therefore classified as objectionable.

The provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) have been taken into account in determining the classification for *The Longest Night.* However, by virtue of the way in which the publication deals with matters of sex, particularly its strong degrading, dehumanising and demeaning elements, the publication is regarded as objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the NZBR Act. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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